

# The **dottex** package\*

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## 1 Introduction

This package allows you to include dot and neato graphs in your L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X documents.

The dot/neato code is extracted from the document and written to `.dot/.neato` files. Then, if shell escape is used, the graph files are automatically processed and converted to PostScript files, which will then be included. If shell escape isn't used, the user will have to manually convert the files.

Shell escape is available in the web2c T<sub>E</sub>X compiler, it allows the execution of shell code during the compilation of a T<sub>E</sub>X document. It's disabled by default, you'll have to edit your configuration files or give the `-shell-escape` option to `latex`. A check is performed whether shell escape really works, so you might get warnings that the `.dot/.neato` files need to be converted manually although you enabled shell escape.

## 2 Requirements

To use dottex, you'll need the `graphicx` and `moreverb` packages, and of course, `dot`.

## 3 Usage

To load the package, simply `\usepackage{dottex}` in your document preamble. Options that can be passed to the package are

[*<shell>*] Use shell escape to automatically generate the graphs from the dot source files. This is the default.

[*<noshell>*] Don't use shell escape, graphs must be generated manually.

[*<miktex>*] We're using mikTeX.

The following environments can be used to include graphs:

`dotpic` Within this environment, you can specify arbitrary dot code, for example  
`a -> b;`

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b -> a;.
The digraph preamble and the surrounding braces are inserted automatically.
neatopic Within this environment, you can specify arbitrary neato code, for example
a -- b;
b -- a;.
The graph preamble and the surrounding braces are inserted automatically.
The width of the graph in your document can be controlled via the \dotwidth
parameter, which is set to \textwidth by default.

```

## 4 Implementation

### 4.1 Initialization

```

1 \newif\ifShellEscape
2 \newif\ifmiktex \miktexfalse
3
4 \DeclareOption{shell}{\ShellEscapetrue}
5 \DeclareOption[noshell]{\ShellEscapefalse}
6 \DeclareOption{miktex}{\global\miktextrue}
7
8 \ExecuteOptions{shell}
9 \ProcessOptions\relax
10 %% test if shell escape really works
11 \ifShellEscape
12     \def\tmpfile{/tmp/w18-test-\the\year\the\month\the\day\the\time}
13     \ifmiktex%
14         \immediate\write18{\rem >"\tmpfile"}
15     \else
16         \immediate\write18{\touch \tmpfile}
17     \fi
18     \ifmiktex
19         \IfFileExists{\tmpfile.}{\ShellEscapetrue}{\ShellEscapefalse}
20     \else
21         \IfFileExists{\tmpfile}{\ShellEscapetrue}{\ShellEscapefalse}
22     \fi
23 \fi
24
25 \ifShellEscape
26     \PackageInfo{dottex}
27     {Automatically converting dot/neato files to ps}
28 \else
29     \PackageWarningNoLine{dottex}
30     {Shell escape not enabled.\MessageBreak
31     You'll need to convert the graphs yourself}
32 \fi
33 \newcounter{fignum}
34 \gdef\dotwidth{\textwidth}

```

### 4.2 .dot/.neato write out

```

35 \def\figname{\jobname-fig\thefignum}
36
37 \def\dotverbatim#1{%

```

```

38 \def\BeforeStream
39 {\message{Opening Dot stream=\fignamexdot}%
40   \immediate\write\verbatim@out{\string digraph\space G\space {/*}*/}
41 }
42 \@bsphack
43 \immediate\openout \verbatim@out #1
44 \BeforeStream%
45 \let\do\@makeother\dospecials
46 \catcode`\^\active
47 \def\verbatim@processline{%
48   \immediate\write\verbatim@out
49   {\the\verbatim@line}}%
50 \verbatim@start}
51 \def\enddotverbatim{\%
52   \immediate\write\verbatim@out{/*{*/}}
53 \immediate\closeout\verbatim@out
54 \@esphack}
55
56 \def\neatoverbatim{\%
57 \def\BeforeStream
58 {\message{Opening Neato stream=\fignamexneato}%
59   \immediate\write\verbatim@out{\string graph\space G\space {/*}*/}
60 }
61 \@bsphack
62 \immediate\openout \verbatim@out #1
63 \BeforeStream%
64 \let\do\@makeother\dospecials
65 \catcode`\^\active
66 \def\verbatim@processline{%
67   \immediate\write\verbatim@out
68   {\the\verbatim@line}}%
69 \verbatim@start}
70 \def\endneatoverbatim{\%
71   \immediate\write\verbatim@out{/*{*/}}
72 \immediate\closeout\verbatim@out
73 \@esphack}

```

The spurious braces (commented out in the `.dot/.neato` file) are necessary because L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X gets confused with only one brace.

### 4.3 Environment definition

```

74 \newenvironment{dotpic}{\stepcounter{fignum}%
75   \xdef\dotCutFile{\fignamexdot}
76   \dotverbatim{\dotCutFile}}
77 {\enddotverbatim%
78 \dotgraphicsinclude}
79
80 \newenvironment{neatopic}{\stepcounter{fignum}%
81   \xdef\neatoCutFile{\fignamexneato}
82   \neatoverbatim{\neatoCutFile}}
83 {\endneatoverbatim%
84 \neatographicsinclude}

```

### 4.4 .dot/.neato file processing

```

85 \long\gdef\dotgraphicsprocess{%
86     \ifShellEscape
87         \IfFileExists{\fignamex}{%
88             \immediate\write18{dot -Tps -o \fignamex.ps \fignamex.dot}
89             \IfFileExists{\fignamex.ps}{%
90                 \PackageInfo{dottex}
91                     {\fignamex.dot converted}}
92                     {\PackageWarningNoLine{dottex}
93                         {Conversion of \fignamex.dot failed.}}}{}
94     \fi}
95
96 \long\gdef\neatographicsprocess{%
97     \ifShellEscape
98         \IfFileExists{\fignamex.neato}{%
99             \immediate\write18{neato -Tps -o \fignamex.ps \fignamex.neato}
100            \IfFileExists{\fignamex.ps}{%
101                \PackageInfo{dottex}
102                    {\fignamex.neato converted}}
103                    {\PackageWarningNoLine{dottex}
104                        {Conversion of \fignamex.neato failed.}}}{}
105     \fi}

```

## 4.5 Graph inclusion

```

106 \long\gdef\dotgraphicsinclude{\dotgraphicsprocess%
107     \IfFileExists{\fignamex.ps}{%
108         \includegraphics[width=\dotwidth]{\fignamex}
109     }
110     {\PackageWarningNoLine{dottex}
111         {Please convert \fignamex.dot manually}}
112 }
113
114 \long\gdef\neatographicsinclude{\neatographicsprocess%
115     \IfFileExists{\fignamex.ps}{%
116         \includegraphics[width=\dotwidth]{\fignamex}
117     }
118     {\PackageWarningNoLine{dottex}
119         {Please convert \fignamex.neato manually}}
120 }

```